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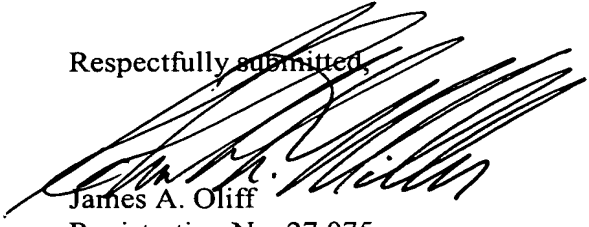
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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. One or more reference cited herein was cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign action is attached for the Examiner's information. See Reference 1.
- ☒ 3. JP 2001/142279 and JP 2001/272833 listed in the attached foreign action were submitted as part of an Information Disclosure Statement filed March 12, 2004 and have been considered.

- ☒ 4. U.S. Patent No. 6,798,430 corresponds to U.S. Publication No. 2001/0055499 A1, published December 27, 2001 listed in the attached foreign action.

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